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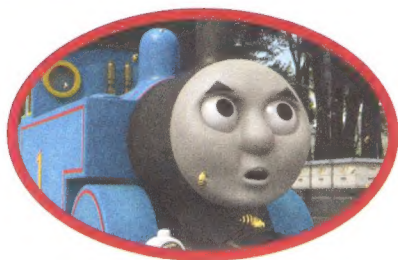
Thomas and the BUZZY BEES





Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



Reading on Your Own **Grades 1–3**

- engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



Reading Paragraphs **Grades 2–3**

- challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



Ready for Chapters **Grades 2–4**

- chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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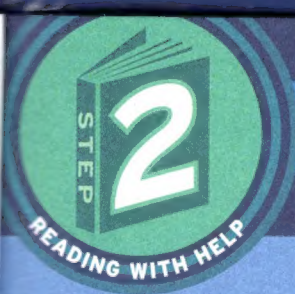
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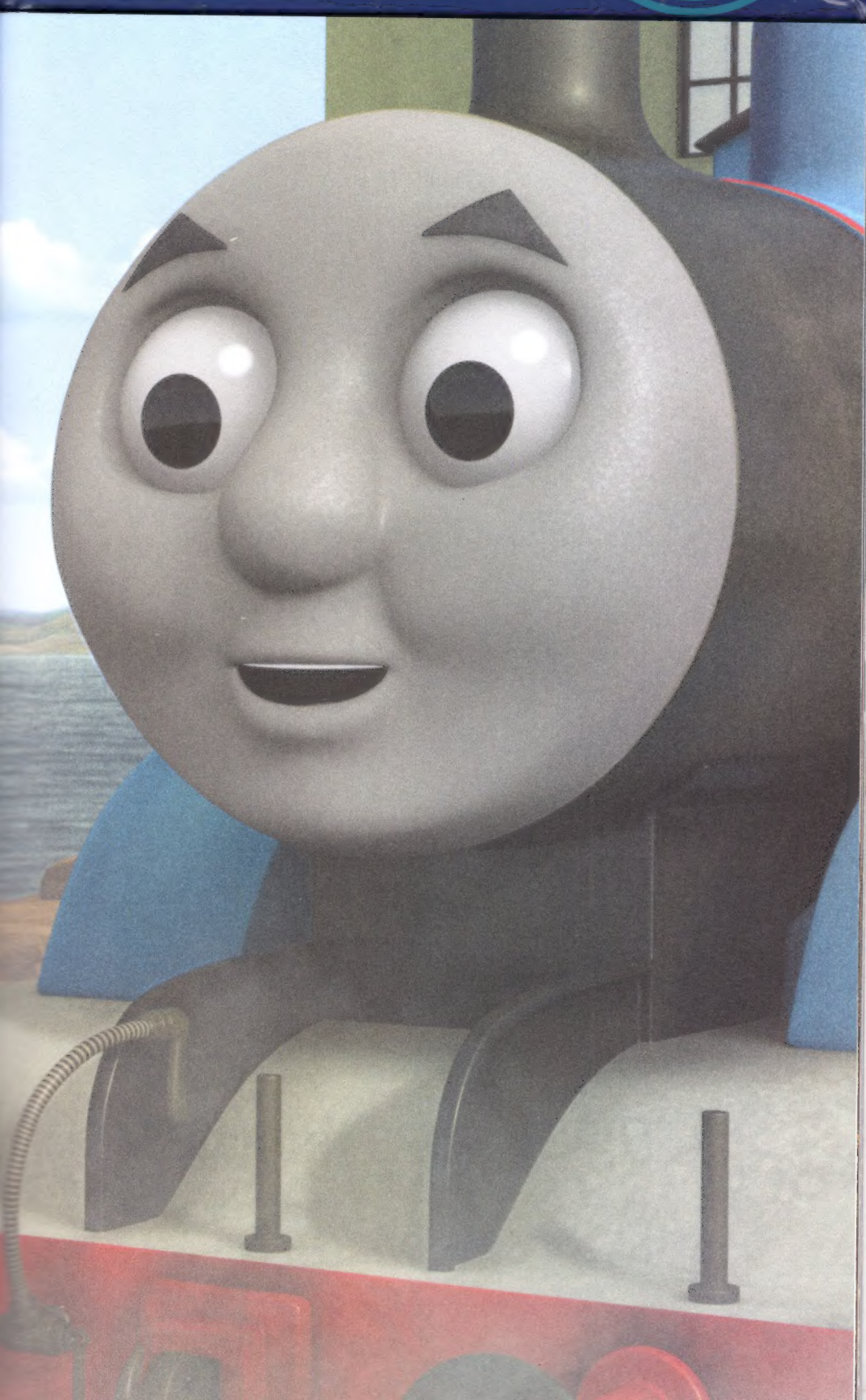
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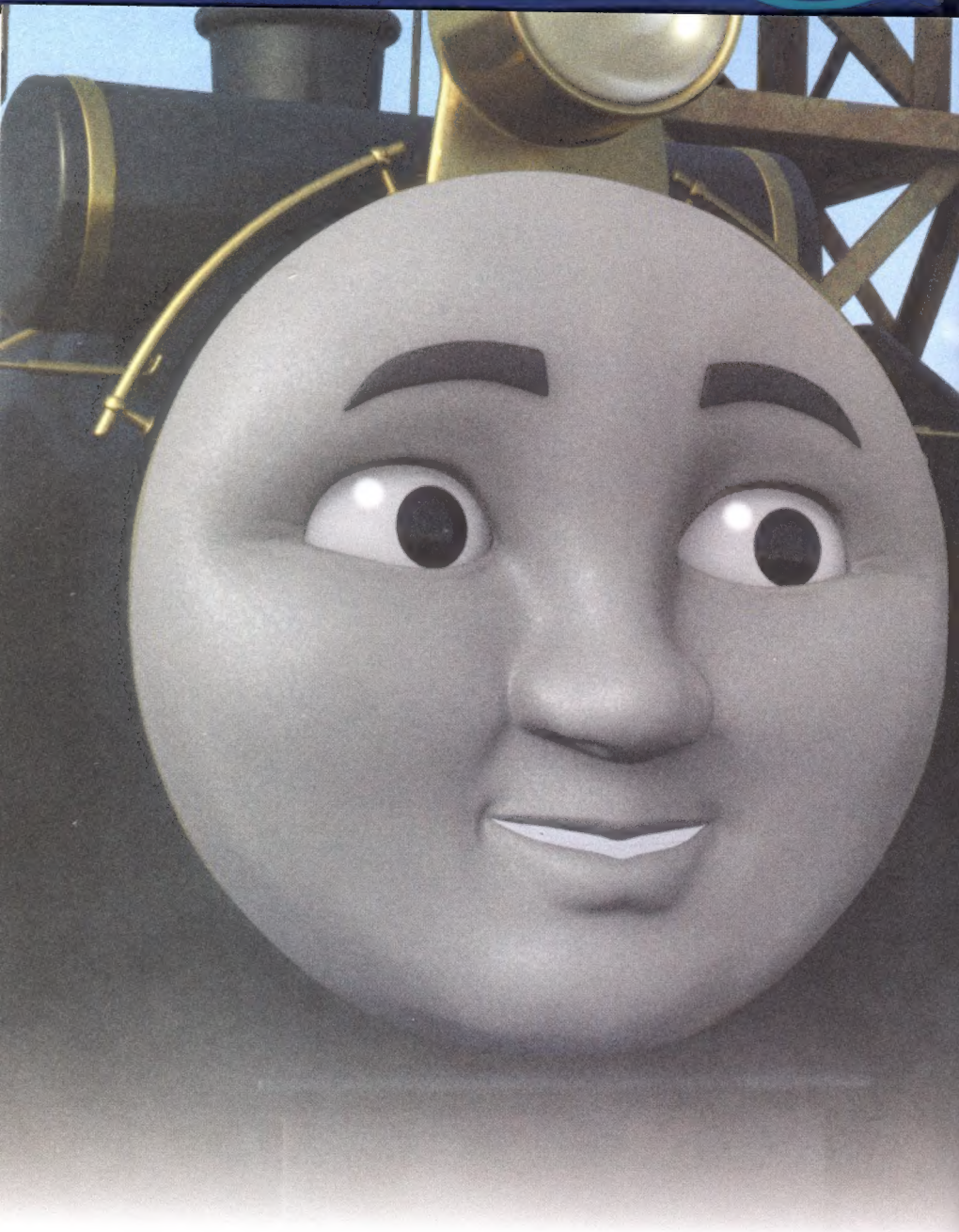
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Thomas has
a special job.
He will carry
a load of beehives!





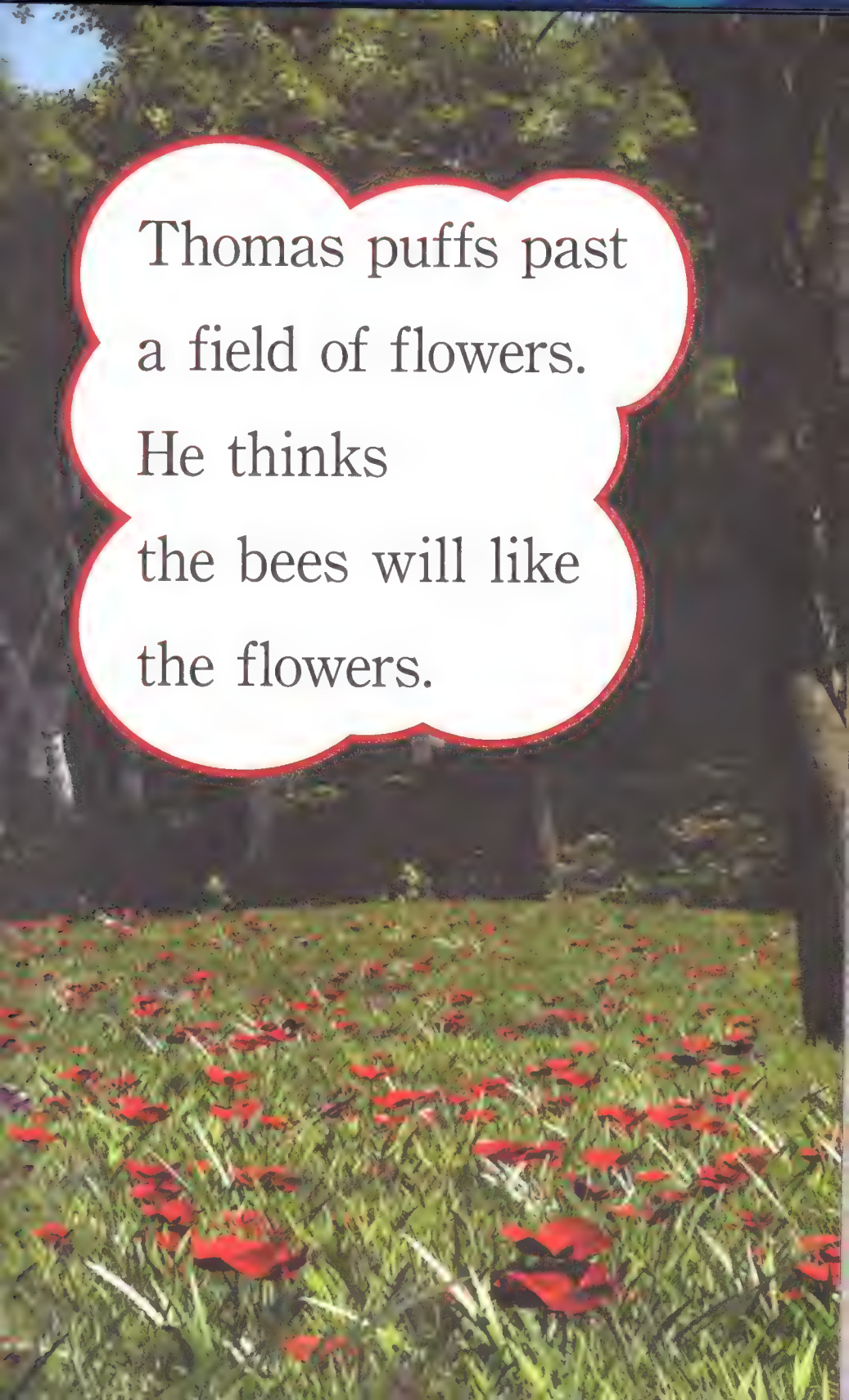


Hiro tells Thomas
to go slow.



The bees need
to rest.



A photograph of a field of red poppies in the foreground, with a dense line of green trees in the background. A white thought bubble with a red border is superimposed on the upper half of the image, containing text.

Thomas puffs past
a field of flowers.

He thinks
the bees will like
the flowers.

Thomas hears
buzzing.
The bees are
leaving
their hives!



They fly
to the flowers!
Thomas needs
the bees
to come back.





Thomas picks up
a new load.

These trucks are
full of flowers.

The bees fly back
to Thomas.





The bees fly
all around Thomas.

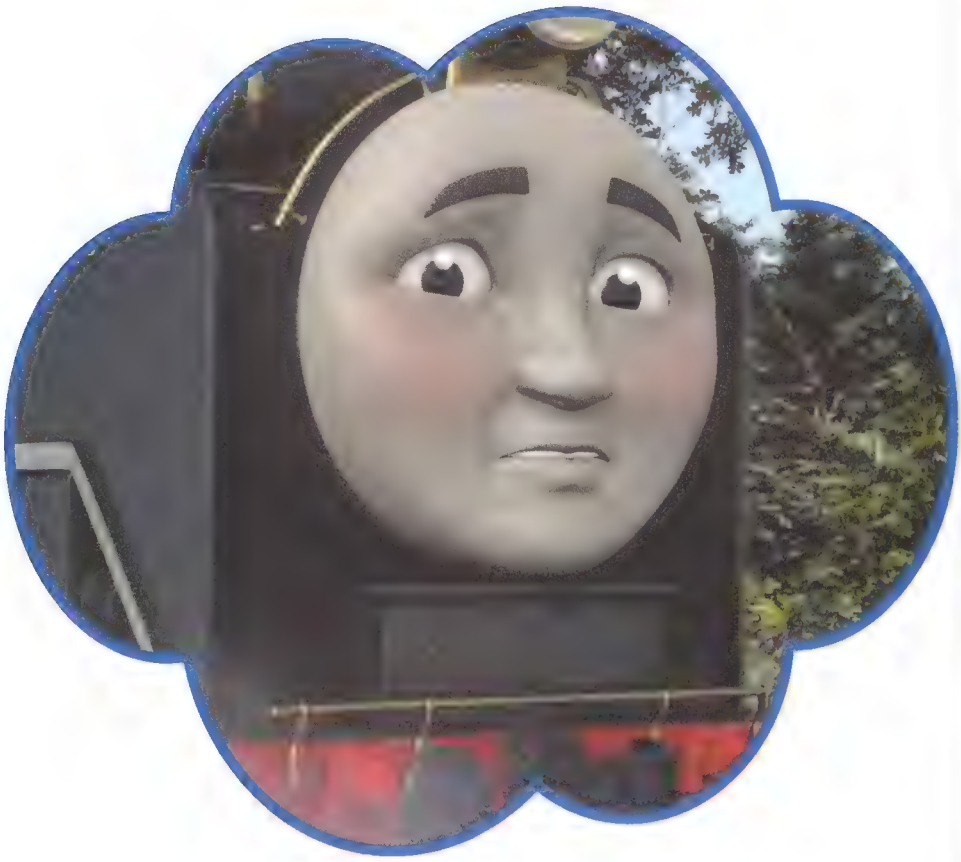


Now they are
too close!

Thomas leaves all of
the trucks behind.
He rolls away
from the bees.







Thomas meets Hiro
on the track.

Hiro is looking for
the flowers
and the bees.

Thomas knows
he did not do his job.







Thomas picks up
the flowers.



He picks up
the hives.



The bees follow.



Thomas puffs along
a shady track.



The bees feel cool.

They fly back



into the beehives.

The buzzy bees
are home
on the farm
at last!



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in their hives and deliver them on time?



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